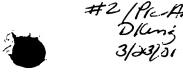
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Dear Sir:

This is a regular application claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e) of the United States provisional application serial number 60/190,475. Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the amendment below.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following paragraph immediately before the first line:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of the United States provisional application serial no. 60/190,475, filed on March 17, 2000.--

Page 5, line 26, delete oxide deposition" and in its place insert -- first oxide layer 12-

line 28, delete "deposition" and in its place insert --layer--; line 29, delete "first oxide"; and after "deposition" insert --of first oxide

line 30, delete "are" and it its place jusert --is--.